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SUBJECT: CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY INTEREST IN SCHOLARSHIPS

REF: STATE 185148; SANTIAGO 4011, 4036

1. IN CONTINUED CONTACTS, OLGUIN SAYS CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY STILL KEENLY INTERESTED IN HAVING UP TO THREE ACADEMY GRADUATES ATTEND GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSES IN U.S. UNIVERSITIES FOR ONE YEAR. OLGUIN SAYS GRANTS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, AND ACADEMY WANTS ITS YOUNG OFFICERS TO GET GRADUATE TRAINING IN U.S. AS WELL. EMBASSY AND COMMISSION WISH TO BE HELPFUL, FOR REASONS STATED IN OUR 4036.

2. COMMISSION SEES NO PROBLEM IN PROVIDING COUNSELING, TESTING AND SELECTION PROCESSING FOR ACADEMY'S CANDIDATES ALONG WITH ITS OTHER GRADUATE STUDENT APPLICANTS EACH YEAR AS SPECIAL SERVICE TO ACADEMY. AT THIS POINT, COMMISSION NOT PREPARED TO AUTOMATICALLY SLOT UP TO THREE OF ITS SMALL NUMBER OF GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILEAN FSOS, TO EXCLUSION OF OTHER PRIORITY FIELDS. COMMISSION ALSO STUDYING POSSIBILITY BRINGING AMERICAN PROFESSOR TO TEACH AT ACADEMY.

3. DURING JULY VISIT TO WASHINGTON OLGUIN RECONNOITERED SEVERAL U.S. INSTITUTIONS BUT FOLLOW-UP NEEDED TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY THEIR CONTRIBUTING IN SOME WAY TO ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR

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TWO OR THREE CHILEAN ACADEMY GRADUATES. FOR ITS PART,

ACADEMY SEES NO PROBLEM IN OBTAINING ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS SELECTED BUT NOT LIKELY TO MUSTER ANY MORE RESOURCES FROM CHILEAN SIDE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT EXPLORE (A) WHETHER TINKER FOUNDATION HAS MADE ANY DECISION ON POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS; (B) IF GEORGETOWN SEES ANY POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING DIRECT SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY GRADUATE EACH YEAR AS TENTATIVELY DISCUSSED WITH OLGUIN; (C) WHETHER SAIS (ROGER LEEDS) SEES ANY POSSIBILITY CREATING ONE-YEAR PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS OR EXPAND ITS NEW PROGRAM FOR AFRICAN DIPLOMATS TO INCLUDE LATAMS IN POST-GRAD ECONOMIC AND AREA STUDIES; AND (D) ANY OTHER FOUNDATION, INSTITUTIONAL OR UNIVERSITY POSSIBILITIES FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL OR SCHOLARSHIP AID FOR ACADEMY GRADUATES ON RECURRING BASIS.

5. FYI, OLGUIN LEAVING NOV. 1 ON ASSIGNMENT TO CHILEAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHERE HE HOPES TO PURSUE THESE MATTERS FURTHER WITH DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE. WE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH ACADEMY'S DIRECTOR AND OLGUIN'S SUCCESSOR.

6. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST AS COMMISSION NOW PREPARING PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR 1976 CHILEAN ACADEMIC YEAR, AND ACADEMY ALSO DOING ITS FORWARD PLANNING.
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